

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to applicant's communication of April 13, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-14.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 23 December 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

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The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: McCallion (US 5594977, figures 10, 11) is the closest art of record and teaches a compression cable grab inherently capable of attaching a wire rope cable to a fixed object via the apertured plate to the far left in figure 10 comprising a chuck 50' having a socket formed within, a collet 80' slideably disposed within the socket, a chuck cap in the form of the plate to the far right in figure 10, and a hollow bolt 100' attached to the chuck for cable removal by rotating said bolt inward, thus forcing the collet away from the tapered socket which releases the grip on the held object. In regard to claim 1, the differences are that the cable grab of McCallion lacks a pair of bifurcated arms attached onto the chuck for attachment, a hollow chuck cap attached to the chuck second end, and a compression spring disposed within the chuck between the collet and the chuck cap, urging the collet into the tapered socket such that after a cable has been inserted freely into the chuck's first end, the collet firmly grips the wire rope cable on the bore in the collet when a cable is pulled in an opposite direction. While Lehmann et al. (CH 687221, figures 1, 5) teaches the use of a compression spring 6 to bias the collet toward the engaged position and Moss, Jr. (US 3544142, figures 1, 2) teaches the use of bifurcated arms attached to the outer side of the chuck, there is no suggestion to further modify the device of McCallion so that there is a hollow chuck cap attached to the chuck second end so that a compression spring, of which there is none in McCallion, can be disposed between the collet and hollow chuck cap because the cable grip of McCallion has no need for such structure since the hollow bolt 100' is engaged with the collet so as to move the collet forwardly and backwardly by itself. As to claim 14, this claim is allowable for the reasons cited for claim 1 and that there is no suggestion to further modify the device of

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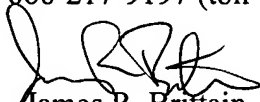
McCallion so that there would be internal threads in the second end of the chuck for threadably receiving a hollow chuck cap in the second end.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James R. Brittain whose telephone number is (571) 272-7065. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 5:30-2:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, J. J. Swann can be reached on (571) 272-7075. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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